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STEERING COMMITTEE (NMPASC) MAY 10, 1973

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H. USNATO 2191 (051330 Z MAY 73) (NOTAL)

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J. USNATO 2342 (112130 Z MAY 73) (NOTAL)

BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE SUMMARIZES ACTIONS TAKEN RELATIVE TO THE FOLLOWING THREE AGENDA ITEMS AT THE 10 MAY MEETING OF THE NMPASC:

1. NMPASC BID TO PARTICIPATE IN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR CANADIAN ARGUS MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT (MPA).

2. UNIVAC MPC 1616 COMPUTER

3. US PARTICIPATION IN NMPA MODERNIZATION SUB- COMMITTEE (MSC). MISSION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE AND GUIDANCE REQUESTED. ACTION REQUESTED- AS PER PARAGRAPHS 2. E., 3. E., AND 4. D. END SUMMARY.

1. THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE NMPASC WAS HELD IN PARIS ON MAY 10, 1973. THE FOLLOWING NATIONS WERE REPRESENTED: BELGIUM, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES WAS REPRESENTED BY US MEMBER NMPASC (CAPTAIN CHISUM/ USNATO) AND COMMANDER DOWE (OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH, LONDON BRANCE OFFICE.) THE AGENDA OF REFERENCE (A) WAS FOLLOWED. ITEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO US ARE DISCUSSED IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS.

2. NMPASC BID TO PARTICIPATE IN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR CANADIAN ARGUS MPA.

A. DISCUSSION.

(1) DETAILED BACKGROUND AVAILABLE FROM REFERENCES (B) THROUGH (F).

B. CURRENT SITUATION:

(1) CANADIAN REQUEST IN LATE 1972 FOR PROPOSAL FOR ADVANCED MPA DESIGN WAS NOT SUBMITTED NMPASC.

(2) CHAIRMAN NMPASC (AVAERT/ BELGIUM) IN A LETTER TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THE CANADIAN MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (RICHARSON) DATED FEBRUARY 9, 1973 TOOK EXCEPTION TO THIS OMISSION AND REQUESTED THAT THE NMPASC BE PROVIDED NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION, AND BE PERMITTED TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO MEET THE CANADIAN REQUIREMENTS.

(3) CANADIAN REPLY QUOTED REF (F). DATED MARCH 23, 1973, WAS NEGATIVE.

(4) AT THE MAY 10, 1973 MEETING OF THE NMPASC FRENCH MEMBER (BLOCH) TABLED A DRAFT LETTER, WHICH HE PROPOSES BE SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN, NMPASC AND BE SENT TO CANADIAN MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE. A MISSION INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE PROPOSED DRAFT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE HIS EXCELLENCY JAMES RICHARDSON
MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
OTTAWA, CANADA

MR. MINISTER:

DURING ITS MEETING ON 12 APRIL 1973, THE ATLANTIC STEERING
COMMITTEE TOOK NOTE, WITH THE INTEREST YOU MAY SURMISE, OF YOUR
LETTER OF 20 MARCH, 1973.

WE FULLY APPRECIATE THE REMINDER OF CANADA'S CONTINUING
INTEREST IN COOPERATION AMONG MEMBERS OF NATO AND THE SUPPORT IT
GAVE US WHEN THE ATLANTIC PROGRAM WAS LAUNCHED. WE ARE NOT UN-
AWARE THAT, IN THE CONFIGURATION SELECTED IN ORDER TO SATISFY
EUROPEAN USERS' DESIRE FOR ECONOMY, THE RANGE OF THE AIRCRAFT
WAS CONSIDERED BY THE GENERAL STAFF OF YOUR ARMED FORCES AS
INADEQUATE.

IN THIS RESPECT, YOU WILL CERTAINLY NOT HAVE OVERLOOKED THE
NUMEROUS CONTACTS WHICH TOOK PLACE FROM 1965 TO 1969 BETWEEN THIS
GENERAL STAFF AND CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS ON THE ONE HAND AND THE
STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE OTHER WITH A VIEW TO PROPOSING IN GOOD
TIME AN AIR- FRAME CONFIGURATION CAPABLE OF ATTENUATING THIS SOLE
DEFICIENCY. IN PARTICULAR, IT WAS PROPOSED TO THE CANADAIR
COMPANY TO DEVELOP " IN LIAISON WITH THE EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY FOR THE BREGUET ATLANTIC AIRCRAFT" A VERSION OF THE
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CRAFT USED IN EUROPE ONLY THROUGH AN INCREASE IN LIFTING SURFACES
AND THE REINFORCEMENT OF THE CORRESPONDING STRUCTURES.

AT THE MOMENT WE ARE LAUNCHING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
ATLANTIC MK 2 PROGRAM, IT WOULD DOUBTLESS BE EASY FOR US TO DEFINE,
FROM THE START, A SOLUTION WHICH MIGHT BE SUITABLE BOTH FOR THE
RANGE WHICH IS ADEQUATE FOR US AND FOR THAT WHICH YOU DEMAND. IN
THIS RESPECT, IT SEEMS INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO US THAT THE CANADIAN
AUTHORITIES COULD HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE ATLANTIC MK 2 WAS IN-
CAPABLE OF MEETING THEIR REQUIREMENTS WITHOUT KNOWING THE DETAILED
DESCRIPTION OF THIS NEW PROGRAM, CERTAIN ASPECTS OF WHICH, MORE-
OVER, ARE STILL BEING DEFINED.

AS FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE, IT IS EVIDENTLY NOT POSSIBLE
FOR IT TO TAKE THE PARTICULAR CANADIAN REQUIREMENTS INTO ACCOUNT
AS LONG AS THE SPECIFICATION YOU ADDRESSED TO THE FIVE COMPANIES
CONSULTED HAS NOT BEEN COMMUNICATED TO IT.

THEREFORE, BEING AS ANXIOUS AS YOU ARE TO FAVORIZE COOPERA-
TION AMONG THE MEMBERS OF NATO AND TO REDUCE, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE,
THEIR LOGISTIC DIFFICULTIES BY THE ADOPTION OF COMMON EQUIPMENT,
WE REITERATE OUR REQUEST THAT YOU COMMUNICATE TO US THE SPECIFICA-

TION DESCRIBING THE GENERAL STAFF'S OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT. IT IS ONLY WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE MATTER THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO SUBMIT A VALID PROPOSAL; IT IS ONLY WHEN THE GENERAL STAFF SEES THIS PROPOSAL THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO TELL, OBJECTIVELY, WHETHER OR NOT OUR PROPOSAL RESPONDS TO ITS REQUIREMENTS.

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THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR THE ACTION YOU WILL BE KIND
ENOUGH TO TAKE IN RESPONSE TO THIS LETTER, PLEASE BELIEVE ME
VERY TRULY YOURS UNQUOTE.

(5) THE CHAIRMAN NMPASC ANNOUNCED THAT HIS CURRENT INTENTION IS TO FORWARD THE DRAFT LETTER TO THE BELGIAN PERMREP IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. THE CHAIRMAN, NMPASC EXPECTS THAT THE BELGIAN PERMREP WILL CALL A MEETING OF THE PERMREPS OF ENGAGED NATIONS (BELGIUM, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES) DURING WHICH THE DRAFT LETTER WILL BE DISCUSSED TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT IT SHOULD BE SENT AND, IF SO, TO DETERMINE ITS FINAL FORM.

C. USNATO COMMENT. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE PROCEDURE PLANNED FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THIS LETTER IS SIMILAR TO THAT USED FOR THE FIRST APPEAL DURING WHICH, FOLLOWING GUIDANCE OF REFERENCES (C) AND (D) THE US QUOTE NOTED UNQUOTE THE FIRST
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D. USNATO RECOMMENDATION.

MISSION CONSIDERS GUIDANCE OF REFERENCES (C) AND (D)
STILL VALID. RECOMMEND MISSION FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE OF
REFERENCES (C) AND (D).

E. ACTION REQUESTED. CONCURRENCE, OR FURTHER GUIDANCE.

3. UNIVAC MPC 1616 COMPUTER

A. REFERENCES (H), (I) AND (J) ARE PERTINENT.

B. CURRENT SITUATION.

(1) DUTCH/ GERMAN EFFORTS IN MSC MEETING MAY 9, 1973 TO
STALL SELECTION OF COMPUTER IN MSC WERE SUCCESSFUL.

(2) FINAL CHOICE OF COMPUTER IS TO BE MADE AT NEXT MSC
MEETING, MAY 29, 1973 IN PARIS.

(3) FOR UNIVAC MPC 1616 TO BE IN CONTENTION US MUST
BE PREPARED TO PRESENT AT THE MSC MEETING OF MAY 28, 1973 A
COMPLETED LICENSING AGREEMENT FOR MANUFACTURING THE MPC 1616
COMPUTER IN EUROPE. THIS AGREEMENT MUST COMPLETELY SATISFY THE
CONDITIONS OF PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 5 A. OF REFERENCE (H). US MEMBER
NMPASC, MUST BE ABLE TO ADVISE CHAIRMAN, MSC OF THE
AVAILABILITY OF THIS AGREEMENT BY MAY 25.

C. USNATO COMMENT

(1) ANYTHING LESS THAN THE COMPLETED AGREEMENT DISCUSSED
ABOVE WILL ENSURE THAT UNIVAC MPC 1616 COMPUTER WILL NOT BE CHOSEN
FOR THE ATLANTIC II.

(2) IN ORDER FOR US TO GIVE EFFECTIVE SUPPORT TO THE CHOICE OF
THE UNIVAC COMPUTER THEN IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT A REPRESENTATIVE
COMPLETELY KNOWLEDGEABLE IN FOREIGN SALES WHO IS ABLE TO SPEAK
WITH AUTHORITY RELATIVE TO THE UNIVAC LICENSING AGREEMENT BE
PREPARED TO MEET WITH CAPTAIN CHISUM IN BRUSSELS MAY 25 AND
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ATTEND MSC MEETING IN PARIS MAY 29. MISSION IS CONFIDENT THAT
SHOW- DOWN IS AT HAND AND ALL STOPS MUST BE PULLED OUT IF UNIVAC
MPC 1616 COMPUTER IS TO STAND A CHANCE OF BEING CHOSEN.

D. USNATO RECOMMENDATION.

(1) THAT PRIORITY ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO

COMPLETION OF THE UNIVAC LICENSING AGREEMENT BY MAY 25, 1973.

(2) THAT QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE BE PROVIDED AS
DISCUSSED ABOVE.

E. ACTION REQUESTED. AS ABOVE.

4. US PARTICIPATION IN MSC

A. CURRENT SITUATION.

(1) DETAILS OF CURRENT SITUATION PLUS MISSION RECOMMEND-
ATIONS ARE CONTAINED IN REFERENCE (J).

C. ACTION REQUESTED. CONCURRENCE, OR FURTHER GUIDANCE.
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